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THE TOWN COUNCIL

Two Meetings Were Held During the Past Week.

A meeting of the town council was held Saturday night last.

Communications were received from E. Alcock, Delbridge Bros., James Bradley, and A. M. Rose.

The error in the assessment roll on the Fuljames property was allowed. The fire brigade pay roll amounting to \$105.50 was ordered to be paid.

The report of the chief of police was received showing 31 arrests and fines to the amount of \$84 imposed.

A memorial prepared by coun. Deaton was passed, and ordered to be sent to the Ontario Government praying that a grant be made to Toronto University to assist in establishing and equipping in a proper manner a department of mineralogy and geology to co-operate with the work now being done by the School of Practical Science.

The accounts of the Board of Health were passed and ordered to be paid.

J. E. Rice gave notice of a by-law to change the name of the town.

MONDAY'S MEETING

The council met again on Monday evening, when the financial statement of the town was received and the clerk ordered to get 200 copies printed, as required by statute.

The by-law to hold nominations for mayor and councillors, fix polling places and appoint deputy returning

officers was read a third time and finally passed.

Rich Strike Of Gold.

Peter King arrived in from Sturgeon Falls yesterday. He reports several very rich finds of gold, one in particular being the discovery of Frank King on a property in which J. S. Steel is partner. The vein is six feet wide and carried gold on the surface. When Mr. King came out a test pit had been sunk eight feet. At this depth gold in fabulous quantity was found, clean across the vein the yellow metal gleamed and glistened. To what depth this rich deposit will go is of course unknown and can only be ascertained by sinking.—Port Arthur Herald.

St. Alban's Church.

Tuesday next being Christmas day they will be morning service in St. Alban's church at 11 o'clock. Efforts are being put forth to make the celebration of this great festival as impressive as possible, and it is hoped that there will be a larger turn out of the congregation than ever before. The special music at this service will be as follows:

Hymn 61—"Christians Awake; Salute the Happy Morn."
Te Deum—Berthold Tour's setting.
Anthem—"Behold I Bring You Good Tidings."
Kyrie—Dyke's in E flat.
Hymn 59—"O Come, All Ye Faithful."
Offertory—"Hark the Glad Sound."
Soprano Solo, Mrs. Sigurdson, and Chorus.
Hymn 69—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing."
The Canticles and Proper Psalms will be taken to familiar chant.

On Sunday evening after the service a number of well known carols will be sung in which it is hoped the congregation will take part.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL

Standing of the Pupils at the End of the Fall Term.

The following High School report is based upon weekly written examinations held during the term ending Dec. 21st, 1900. Pupils who have taken less than 40 per cent. are not reported. In the various subjects appear the names of the three best pupils, providing they have obtained 67 per cent. and over. The names are in order of merit:

Form IV.

General—L. Moor, W. Baker, K. McQuarrie, T. Hooper.
Latin—L. Moor.
French—L. Moor.
English Grammar—L. Moor, W. Baker.
Ancient History—L. Moor, K. McQuarrie.
Arithmetic—L. Moor, W. Baker.
Algebra—L. Moor, W. Baker, K. McQuarrie.
Geometry—W. Baker, L. Moor, K. McQuarrie.
Physics—L. Moor and K. McQuarrie.
Chemistry—T. Hooper, W. Baker.
English Composition—L. Moor.
English Literature—L. Moor, W. Baker.

Form III.

General—S. Seovil, W. Chapple, R. Weidman, D. Campbell, G. McMurdie, C. Bunn, E. Mitchell, W. Mather, S. Griffiths and G. Campbell, eq.; H. Woods, T. Phillips.
Latin—S. Seovil and C. Bunn, eq.; S. Griffiths, D. Campbell.
French (optional)—W. Chapple, D. Campbell, H. Woods.
German (optional)—R. Weidman, M. Scott, W. Chapple.
English Literature—E. McLaughlin, H. Woods, S. Seovil.
English Composition—M. Scott, S. Seovil and H. Woods, eq.; W. Chapple.

Latin—M. Davies, D. Campbell and J. Ferguson, eq.; J. Lang.
Reading—M. Fleming, M. B. MacDonell, J. Lang and M. Davis, eq.

Big Battle Imminent.

London, Dec. 20.—The British losses at Nootgedacht, according to the official accounts, were: 82 killed and wounded, with 44 missing and still unaccounted for.

The war office last evening could give no information regarding reports of a Boer invasion of Cape Colony. The officials expressed the opinion, however, that the newspaper accounts were exaggerated, and that probably the troops who have been employed in chasing Gen. De Wet would be diverted to deal with the invaders. Having regard to the customary methods of the war office this can only be interpreted as confirming the reports.

Lord Kitchener, in the meantime, keeps a tight rein over the news, which increases the public disquietude. There is a persistent rumour that he has demanded reinforcements. According to the Daily Mail, private telegrams received in London yesterday depict the situation in Cape Colony as somewhat ominous. It seems that the invading Boers are receiving considerable assistance from the local Dutch, and that the troops at the disposal of the British authorities are not sufficient to cope with any serious spread of military operations. It is believed that the government has at last awakened to the seriousness of the situation and making the utmost efforts to provide Lord Kitchener with horses and mules.

Cut of Timber.

Reports from the Rainy River District sent to the Crown Lands Department state that the cut of timber in the district this year will total from thirty to forty million feet. The cut is considerably larger than last year.

Douglas Christie.

A quite wedding ceremony was solemnized last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Christie, 39 Lily Street, when their only daughter, Margaret, was married to Mr. Arthur Norman Douglas, Rev. Hamilton Wigle performed the ceremony. Miss

THE WINTER SCHEDULE.

The Intermediate Matches Arranged For the Coming Hockey Season.

The executive committee of the Western Canada Hockey association met on Saturday evening in Winnipeg for the purpose of drawing up the schedules for the coming season. There were present from the different clubs represented in the association council as follows: N. Breen, Winnipeg; A. Fletcher, Rat Portage; R. Smith, Brandon; and A. G. Halstead, Portage la Prairie.

The schedule for the intermediate matches is as follows:

Dec. 21—Carberry vs. Brandon, at Brandon.
Dec. 21—Winnipeg vs. Victorias, at Winnipeg.
Dec. 27—Victorias vs. Portage la Prairie, at Portage la Prairie.
Jan. 2—Winnipeg vs. Portage la Prairie, at Portage la Prairie.
Jan. 5—Portage la Prairie vs. Rat Portage, at Rat Portage.
Jan. 5—Victorias vs. Carberry, at Carberry.
Jan. 7—Victorias vs. Brandon, at Brandon.
Jan. 11—Portage la Prairie vs. Carberry, at Carberry.
Jan. 12—Brandon vs. Winnipeg, at Winnipeg.
Jan. 14—Brandon vs. Rat Portage, at Rat Portage.
Jan. 16—Portage la Prairie vs. Victorias, at Winnipeg.
Jan. 21—Rat Portage vs. Portage la Prairie, at Portage la Prairie.
Jan. 23—Rat Portage vs. Brandon, at Brandon.
Jan. 25—Rat Portage vs. Carberry, at Carberry.
Jan. 29—Portage la Prairie vs. Brandon, at Brandon.
Feb. 2—Carberry vs. Winnipeg, at Winnipeg.
Feb. 4—Carberry vs. Rat Portage, at Rat Portage.
Feb. 7—Winnipeg vs. Victorias, at Winnipeg.

the greatest of faith in the railway baggage men. This is a complaint, but if they had any idea how greatly this would assist us in preventing luggage going astray they might all possibly be induced to have some mark on their baggage.

"Telescopes, dress suit cases and trunks in these days nearly all look alike to the baggage clerks and handlers, and, it may be said, also to the owners. Hundreds of instances could be cited of where two and often as many as five persons claimed the same piece of baggage before the checks were put on. This generally results in a search through the boxes, which is annoying procedure to the men as well as to the passenger. My advice is: "Mark your baggage."

THE CENTRAL CANADA CHAMBER OF MINES.

Editorial From the Manitoba Free Press Dec. 7th 1900

The statistical statement for November which has been issued by the Central Canada Chamber of Mines presents a very complete and exhaustive mass of verified figures, showing the mineral returns and speaking for itself of the mineral resources of the Lake of the Woods goldfields. These regular statements which the Chamber of Mines prepares and sends out to the centres of capital seeking investment, both on this continent and in Europe, are of value and importance to the development of the mining region of Eastern Manitoba and Western Ontario. Containing, as they do, nothing but reliable figures, for whose accuracy the Chamber of Mines vouches as having been verified by and the possibility of question. These statements place before intending investors in mining operations facts and facts alone. Opinions and forecasts have no part in them whatever, but only reliable statistical information in detail, showing actual results, the output of gold from the operating mines, with the number of tons of ore milled, the yield of gold per ton and all other necessary details, as well as the trial mill runs from newly opened reefs in process of development, the machinery installed or on the ground in course of erection, and whatever other information is necessary for

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 Latin—S. Scovil and C. Bunn, eqs.
 S. Griffiths, D. Campbell.
 French, (optional)—W. Chapple, D.
 Campbell, H. Woods.
 German (optional)—R. Weidman,
 M. Scott, W. Chapple.
 English Literature—F. McLoughlin,
 H. Woods, S. Scovil.
 English Composition—M. Scott, S.
 Scovil and H. Woods, eqs.; W. Chap-
 ple.
 Ancient History—C. Bunn, S. Scovil
 and M. Scott, eqs.; W. Chapple and
 W. Mather, eq.
 Arithmetic—S. Scovil, W. Mather,
 E. Mitchell and C. Bunn, eqs.
 Algebra—S. Scovil, C. Bunn, M.
 Scott.
 Geometry—S. Scovil, W. Chapple,
 G. McNordie.

Form 11.

General—R. Beaudro, F. Marshall,
 C. Parsons, L. Phillips, E. Griffiths, J.
 Sullivan, M. Hooper, E. Pease and A.
 Nicholson, eqs.; L. Johnston.
 Latin—E. Griffiths, J. Sullivan, R.
 Beaudro.
 German, (optional)—E. Griffiths, F.
 Marshall, M. Hooper.
 English Grammar—L. Phillips, M.
 Hooper, R. Beaudro.
 English Literature—E. Pease, A.
 Nicholson, M. Hooper.
 English Composition—J. Sullivan,
 M. Kouk, A. Nicholson.
 Arithmetic—R. Beaudro, C. Par-
 sons; E. Griffiths and F. Marshall and
 L. Johnston, eqs.
 Geometry—F. Marshall, R. Beaudro,
 L. Phillips.
 Algebra—L. Phillips and E. Griffiths,
 eqs.; L. Johnston and R. Beaudro, eqs.;
 C. Parsons.
 Physics—E. Griffiths, J. Sullivan, R.
 Beaudro.

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 eqs.; J. Lang and C. Johnston, eqs.; J.
 Greenwood, J. Ferguson, F. Woods,
 B. Kouk, J. Veistrup, C. Woods, F.
 Lang and C. Kyle, eqs.; H. Booker,
 Belyea, P. Ratford, D. Drysdale, A.
 Horswill, E. Dawsett.
 Grammar—M. Fleming, B. Kouk,
 M. B. MacDonell.
 Literature—M. Fleming, L. McCon-
 nell, M. B. MacDonell.
 Composition—M. Davies and M.
 Fleming and L. McConnell, eqs.; Lorne
 Woods, J. Daly and A. Horswill, eq.
 History—M. B. MacDonell, M. Dav-
 ies, D. Campbell.
 Geography—M. Davies, J. Daly, D.
 Campbell.
 Book-keeping—M. B. MacDonell, J.
 Lang, F. Woods, C. Woods, M. Flem-
 ing and D. Campbell, eq.
 Drawing—J. Veistrup, L. Woods,
 P. Ratford.
 Arithmetic—M. Davies, M. B. Mac-
 Donell, J. Daly.
 Euclid—M. B. MacDonell and M.
 Davies, eqs.; M. Fleming, J. Ferguson.
 Algebra—L. McConnell and M. B.
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 Wigle performed the ceremony. Miss
 Amy Collyer and Mr. Earnest Ding-
 man respectively assisted the bride and
 bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas
 will take up residence in the Assini-
 boine block. Free Press.

The many friends of Mr. Douglas in
 Rat Portage extend congratulations.

Could Scarcely Walk

Mr. George Thompson, a leading
 merchant of Blenheim, Ont., states:
 "I was troubled with itching piles for
 fifteen years, and at times they were so
 bad I could scarcely walk. I tried a
 great many remedies, but never found
 anything like Dr. Chase's Ointment.
 After the third application I obtained
 relief, and was completely cured by
 using one box." Ask your neighbors
 about Dr. Chase's Ointment, the only
 absolute cure for piles.

Notre Dame Church.

As in preceding years there will be
 mid-night mass at Notre Dame church.
 The choir will sing the solemn and
 harmonious mass of St. Cecilia under
 the direction of Mr. Carpenter, who
 has kindly lent his services for the oc-
 casion. The solemnity of this festival
 will be enhanced by the inauguration
 of electric lights which are to serve as
 a decoration for the altar and sanctu-
 ary. Those who have so generously
 contributed to the purchase of these
 lights are thanked most heartily. No
 efforts will be spared to have the
 church itself handsomely decorated; be-
 fitting this festival of festivals.

Before mass the birth of the Divine
 Infant will be announced by several
 little children representing angels, who
 singing in joyous strains the celestial
 "Gloria" will surround the humble crib
 wherein reposes the Savior of men.

This year it has been decided as a
 means of preserving that order and de-
 corum so essential to all ceremonies of
 the church that no one be admitted
 without a ticket. These tickets will be
 given gratis to all pew holders in
 the church, to members of the choir
 and to the sanctuary boys. There are
 also unrented pews, chairs and seats
 in the gallery which will be at the
 disposal of persons paying 25 cents.

As the church is rather small it has
 been found necessary to limit the
 number of tickets, consequently those
 who wish to assist at the midnight
 sacrifice should call at the Presbytery
 at once for their tickets, especially as
 several have already been disposed of.

According to this arrangement only
 those who can reach the church at the
 beginning of mass may be sure of their
 seats. Reserved pews may also be
 had.

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 Feb. 4—Carberry vs. Rat Portage,
 at Rat Portage.
 Feb. 7—Winnipeg vs. Victorias, at
 Winnipeg.
 Feb. 8—Brandon vs. Carberry, at
 Carberry.
 Feb. 9—Winnipeg vs. Rat Portage,
 at Rat Portage.
 Feb. 11—Brandon vs. Victorias, at
 Winnipeg.
 Feb. 13—Brandon vs. Portage la
 Prairie, at Portage la Prairie.
 Feb. 16—Rat Portage vs. Victorias,
 at Winnipeg.
 Feb. 18—Rat Portage vs. Winnipeg,
 at Winnipeg.
 Feb. 25—Carberry vs. Portage la
 Prairie, at Portage la Prairie.
 Feb. 27—Carberry vs. Victorias, at
 Winnipeg.
 March 1—Portage la Prairie vs.
 Winnipeg, at Winnipeg.
 March 2—Victorias vs. Rat Portage,
 at Rat Portage.
 March 8—Winnipeg vs. Brandon, at
 Brandon.
 March 9—Winnipeg vs. Carberry, at
 Carberry.

Curling.

The president v. vice-president game
 was very close and exciting and was
 won by only two shots by the vice-
 president's side. The president's inter-
 link commenced last night with the
 following scores: Weir 14, Cameron
 11, Burton 9, Kyle 13, Gaudaur 13,
 Beaudro 10.

Tonight Drewry and Robinson play;
 Saturday Schnarr and Hudson, Weir
 and Gaudaur.

Owing to Mr. McLean burning his
 hands while engaged in helping the
 children at St. Alban's church Sunday
 school with their Christmas tree he
 was unable to play at the rink to in-
 spire his countrymen to victory in
 their curling match Thursday night.

"Mark All Your Baggage."

"Mark all your baggage," that is the
 injunction of every man in any way
 connected with the baggage depart-
 ment of railroads. It means so little
 to the passenger and, yet its fulfillment
 would relieve much care on the part of
 the little army of men who toil hard
 from one end of the day to the other,
 and in hundreds of instances assist
 very materially in facilitating matters
 when it comes to making close connec-
 tions, as is often the case in these days
 of railroading.

A man who has made the handling
 of baggage a study, said:

Why is it so many people do not
 have some initial, name or other iden-
 tifying mark put on their trunks and
 valises? Simply, because they have

whatver, but only reliable statistical
 information in detail, showing actual
 results, the output of gold from the
 operating mines, with the number of
 tons of ore milled, the yield of gold per
 ton and all other necessary details, as
 well as the trial mill runs from newly
 opened reefs in process of development,
 the machinery installed or on the
 ground in course of erection, and what-
 ever other information is necessary for
 the complete understanding of what is
 being done in these goldfields.

The verification to which all the fig-
 ures are now subjected before they are
 given a place in these statements issued
 under the attestation of the Chamber
 of Mines places them on a level with
 government returns. Their compila-
 tion and distribution is a public work
 in the public interest, the development
 of the mineral resources of the Lake of
 the Woods goldfields being of the high-
 est importance to the development and
 progress of the country as a whole.
 This the Dominion Government ought
 to recognize. At present the entire
 cost of carrying on the work of the
 Central Canada Chamber of Mines is
 borne by the public-spirited gentlemen,
 close upon a hundred in number, whose
 weight and standing give the Chamber
 its authoritative representative char-
 acter, and is amply justified by the re-
 sults to be attained by the systematic
 pursuance of the work the Chamber of
 Mines is now doing.

Extract From Telegram, Toronto, Dec. 15, 1906.

The deputation from Central Canada
 has put its finger on one particular bad
 spot in the general weakness of the
 Ontario Government. The crushings
 of stamp mills in New Ontario have not
 been publicly recorded in the official
 returns, and it is time that Hon. E. J.
 Davis enforced regulations similar to
 those which prevail in every prosper-
 ous mining country. Daylight is good for
 legitimate mining enterprise, but thanks
 to the incompetence in the Queens
 Park darkness has surrounded the re-
 sult of every mill run. This darkness
 has helped stock peddlars to get the
 money of the people who have to go it
 blind owing to the lack of official re-
 turns.

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 Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair
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 alum. They are injurious to health.

Jeremiah 23: 6.

There remains to us among the letters of Samuel Rutherford the following counsel written to a congregation that had honored him with their confidence in personal affairs: "Again, hold by the ground-work when the outworks and the superstructure are assailed. Fall back the more nakedly upon your sure foundation. Keep the ground of your standing and acceptance clear, and take your stand on that ground at every time despair assaults you. For great faults and for small, for formality in spiritual service, for cold heartedness and for half-heartedness, you have always open to you your old and safe ground, the blood and the righteousness of your Covenant. Amity. W. Hyatt."

The truth thus expressed is identical with the meaning of this name—Jehovah Tsidkens—The Lord our Righteousness.

1. BY this title the Lord Jesus is specially pointed out. The finger of prophecy here points to Him upon whom the Lord laid the iniquity of us all. As Jesus Himself expressed the attitude of those of olden time to Him, "Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad", so is it here manifest that the prophet was a "seer", for he beheld in the distance "the rod out of the stem of Jesse and the branch out of his roots" and recognized the here-of Christ as the Lord our Righteousness. Clearly there is no discord upon this point between those who wrote before and those after our Lord's appearing. Paul for

example, makes this strong statement, "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth;" and he again refers to Christ as having been made unto us of God, "wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption." Turning our face therefore to Christ we may see in Him our righteousness.

That we may with security look to Him thus is apparent when we consider His work. "He was manifest to take away our sin and in Him was no sin." He died the just for the unjust. His death was an atonement for our sin. His life was one of entire obedience to the law of God. He became therefore a perfect surety for His people. None of them that trust in Him shall be put to shame. In the light of His work it will written, "Therefore the ends of all the earth, and those afar that be upon the sea, their confidence, O Lord, will place in Thee."

Discussing the question; What is the hardest thing in religion? two men, the one learned and the other illiterate, found themselves at variance. The learned man first gave his view, "To deny one's sinful self." The contradiction offered by his humble companion was, "To deny ourselves of a proud confidence in our own obedience for justification." Speaking of this later, the man of learning remarked, "I then hated the righteousness of Christ; I looked at the man with astonishment and disdain, and thought him an old fool. I have since clearly seen who was the fool; not the wise old Christian, but the proud James Hwey." Many can respond to his judgment. It is hard to avoid putting in with Christ a little of ourselves and our doings. If we would be saved, to that climax of self-denial must we come which is expressed thus, "None of self and all of Thee."

"We were disposed to boast," said the renowned Bishop Asbury, "my boasting would be found true. I obtained religion near the age of thirty-two. At the age of sixteen I began to preach and travelled some time in Europe. At twenty-six I left my native land and bade adieu to my weeping parents, and crossed the boisterous ocean to spend the balance of my days in a strange land, partly settled by savages. I have travelled through heat and cold for forty-five years. In thirty years I have crossed the Allegheny mountains fifty-eight times. I have often slept in the woods without necessary food or raiment. In the Southern States I have waded swamps and led my horse for miles, where I took odds that brought on the diseases which are now preying on my system and must soon terminate in death. But my mind is still the same : that it is through the merits of Christ I am to be saved."

3. Let us keep in mind that, The Lord Our Righteousness does not suppress good living. There is danger from sin in life. There is also danger from grace. Therefore it has been asked, "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?" The answer to that is a very emphatic "God forbid!" Security strong and faithful may stand upon us. ▶ Let us not forget that salvation is two-sided. The apostle has told him that when he said, "How shall we that are dead in sin live any longer thereby?" Deliverance from the power and love of sin is revealed as a part of salvation. A new heart and a new spirit come with the blessing of forgiveness. We shall doubtless ever be perplexed when confronting the great truths of redemption. There is a mystery which never must elude comprehension and defy explanation. Yet, with touch with the Bible, and with love

ONE SIMPLE TEST THAT, IT IS AL-
LEGED, NEVER FAILS.

**A Physician Who Says He Has Tried
It In More Than a Thousand Cases
Explains His Method of Preventing
Premature Burial.**

The question of an absolutely sure sign of death has troubled mankind from ancient times. It has been most variously answered, but never to entire satisfaction. The difficulties we meet with are: First, that not all organs of the body die in one moment, and second, that the action of some of the vital organs may be so diminished that by ordinary means it appears almost impossible to decide whether the life in them is in fact extinct or not.

The actual causes of physiological death are three: First, cessation of brain function; second, cessation of respiration or failure of the lungs; third, failure of the heart.

The first, involving immediate death of the central or animal nervous system only, is not at once followed by the inactivity of the peripheral nervous system and its special so called vegetative centers, as long ago was demonstrated by Brown-Sequard, Schiff and others. So the lungs may continue to contract and expand, the heart may continue to beat, even if with greatly diminished power. We know further that the life of the skin is not extinct, Hair and nails continue to grow, the stomach continues to digest, the liver to secrete bile, etc. Respecting the second cause of death, we well know that respiration may cease for quite awhile if the brain is not affected and the circulation not interrupted. And of the third cause, by heart failure, the same may be said. So we see that we may speak of true, absolute physiological death only after the cessation of function of the three organs together or at least of two of them, the lungs and the heart, without the *life* action of which the brain certainly cannot operate.

Now, as regards respiration, we have a very simple means to demonstrate its cessation. So remains, in fact, as the only one to show its true death the heart. This to prove indeed with absolute certainty is quite a difficult problem. Upon the same, therefore, of any and all traces of circulation in the body may be concentrated most experiments. And as regards the same we have to take into consideration that in disease the heart beats might be diminished to but a few faint pulsations per minute, might become imperceptible. And without the aid of special instruments and long continued observations nothing of their existence may be detected.

In the following I shall give the simple means by which any person easily enough may convince himself of the absolute correctness of the 3^d statement of circulation.

If we ligate tight a member of the poly, best for example, a finger between the first and second lobes in the

The dainty flower oracle may tell her true or false, but some day the prince will come and she'll dream the dear dream of home life and motherhood. In that dream she will see herself always happy, always with a smile for the bus-



practically does away with the pains of maternity and gives the nursing mother vigor and vitality.

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Jesus, how glorious is Thy grace
When in Thy Name we trust.
Our faith receives a righteousness
That makes the sinner just.

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When free grace awoke me, by light
From an high,
Then legal fears shook me, and trembled
To die.

No refuge, no safety in self could I see
Jehovah Tsdkenu my Saviour must be.

My terrors all vanished before that
Sight name,
My guilty fears, banished, with boldness
I came,
To drink at the fountain, life-giving
And free.

Jehovah Tsdkenu is all things to me.

God give us to see Him, with like
Clearness and with the same degree of
joy, as the Lord Our Righteousness.

2. We must give Christ full honor as our righteousness. His glory will He not give to another. Man's righteousness has no place before God as a plea for justification. To that point of conviction must we all be brought that all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. The supreme act of self-denial that marked an epoch in Paul's spiritual life must have its accomplishment in every life. All things be counted loss, his aristocratic lineage, national and ecclesiastic, his blamelessness of life, his zeal. Thus he had larger reason for confidence in things outside of Christ than perhaps any other man, yet he turned with full face to Jesus and said, "Yea, I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord."

And he found in Him not having mine own righteousness which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.

A new heart and a right spirit come with the blessing of forgiveness. We shall doubtless ever feel perplexed when confronting these great truths of redemption. There is mystery which never must elude apprehension and defy explanation. Yet, in touch with the Bible, and with our eyes open to the influence of truth upon the lives of those who believe, we can never fail to see that belief of the Gospel means earnestness, purity, endeavor. The Lord Our Righteousness can never be a warrant for indifference to right living.

4. Let us keep this name ever before us. We may add also, let us strive to see more clearly and fully its wondrous beauty. No message to be compared to this was ever brought to man. It is a message, truly, of glad tidings and great joy. To guilty men in prison it is not uncommon to bring promises of limitation of sentence or release for good behavior. This is a promise of pardon from God for men without character. Grace may apprehend the chief of sinners. All who are saved are monuments of divine mercy. Let us look upon these things. They will glow upon us until our hearts respond in wonder, love and praise.

This is not a truth for the dawn of the Christian life merely. We need its steady, consoling, inspiring influence always. Our life is an "all day looking unto Jesus." Specially do we need it in the last hour. After we have done all it is only the blood of Christ which can give us entrance and set us down as freeholders in Heaven.

"Even treading the valley, the shadow of death
This watchword shall rally my faltering
breath,
For if from life's fever my God set me free,
Jehovah Tsdkenu my death song shall be."

Coles and Conductors.

A new industry among street car conductors was revealed to a patient passenger on an up town Sixth avenue car the other day. The conductor, who was in a talkative mood, opened conversation by exhibiting a couple of a change which commands a premium and remarking that many such coins, which were carried as pocket pieces, came into the hands of himself and his fellow conductors in the course of a year, either from passengers who were temporarily oblivious more or less of their surroundings and their actions or from men who had gone broke and had to get up town.

When he passed on to the topic of his coins, he naturally came to the conductors who took bad quarters and dollars by mistake and were conscientious to try to work them off on passengers. As sold them at the rate of one for ten, conductors at a loss of 5 cents. The same conductor explained, he had rather lose 5 cents than to try to pass the coin or to lose the face value of the coin. The other conductors, he said, were always ready to make the 5 cents. There were of course always passengers available to whom the coins might be given in change.

In the following I shall give the simple means by which any person easily enough may convince himself of the absence or presence even of the slightest traces of circulation.

If we light a tight a member of the body—best, for example, a finger between the first and second joint—in the living we will soon notice, beginning almost at once, a reddish coloration of the portion above the ligature. It becomes darker and darker red and finally assumes a dark bluish red color. The entire upper portion will be thus affected, and only directly around the ligature there will be a small, colorless, white ring. Now, as sure as this discoloration will be observed in the living being, as sure will all traces of it be absent in the dead. The bluish discoloration occasionally observed soft and around the finger nails in some corpses is of no influence upon, nor does it interfere in the slightest with, the phenomenon and its correct interpretation.

The phenomenon of course is easily enough explained in the living by the stagnation of the blood in the veins and the capillaries when a new supply through the arteries and the backflow through the veins is cut off by the ligature. The white ring around the latter is produced by the partial arterial partial venous anastomosis.

In place of a finger, if, as it at times may happen, the skin seems too thick and mummy to show the phenomenon plainly, though this will but seldom occur, one may use the toes, the earlaps, even the tip of the nose, if desired. The member must be only thin enough in order to make the feature as tight and perfect as possible.

I have used this means in about 1,000 to 1,040 cases previous to post mortem examinations.

In one case only I observed the mentioned discoloration, though it was impossible to notice any heart action by any means. I at once resorted to venesection, and sure enough the blood flowed, and after a short time faint phant beats up to seven per minute could be distinguished. Every thing was done to start respiration. Yet it was too late, and the heart beats within half an hour gradually diminished. The corpse had been lying for dead for over two hours.

A Lesson.

At a lesson at a school at college the other day one of the students who was by no means a dunned, was asked by the professor, How much is a dose of . . . of the technical name of a stroke taken.

"A teaspoonful," was the reply.

The professor made no comment, but the student a quarter of an hour later, realized that he had made a mistake, and straightway said:

"Professor, I want to change my answer to that question."

"It's too late, sir," responded the professor curtly, looking at his watch. "Your patient has been dead 15 minutes."—London Telegraph.

No matter how bright and sensible a man is, if the gossips discover he is going crazy, the world remarks that he will not have far to go.—Atchison Globe.

the Duke of Cambridge "accidentally" tried on and "up" when on a ceremonial visit to Lerwick, N. B., in 1882. One thinks at once of Calverley's lines:

A droll, a plodding orange-red—
The end of a cigar—
Was not such a princely fidel,
The leader of the band.

—London Academy.

An Opinion Indorsed.

"It takes genius and hard work to make a great novel," exclaimed the chubby matinee favorite who was smoking a cigarette and reading a 50 cent novel.

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"You bet it does!"

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THE CREED OF THE CHURCH

BY JOS. KEEVIL.

Whatever involves human character and destiny, merits the attention and serious thought of every true man. It is evident the subject before us deals with that vital and important truth that molds character and determines destiny. Solomon says, "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." Paul, the apostle, declares, "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness." The Church must have a creed, something to believe, something to satisfy the condition of Christian life. The central idea of which, the church must believe with all her heart, Webster says, "A creed is a definite summary of truth to be believed." The creed of the church must contain a definite summary of truth to be believed, before one can be admitted to baptism and church fellowship. The need of the church, then, is the elementary and primary fact that must be believed, before one can become a Christian and which constitutes the foundation of the whole Christian system. If the superstructure is human we can justly look for a human foundation; but if divine the foundation must be divine.

First let us note the condition of Christians on the question of creeds, that we may be better able to arrive at a fair and unimpeachable answer to the question, what is the creed of the church? Reviewing briefly the creed history we find: (1) The so-called apostles' creed, originating early in the history of the church but not early enough to claim apostolic origin in its present form. It dates as late as the fourth century. It is a simple declaration of the cardinal facts of the Christian religion. (2) We find the Nicene Creed. The result of a council convened in A. D. 325 by Constantine, to settle the long and bitter controversy respecting the deity and eternity of Christ. (3) Then growing out of the controversy of the fifth century, embracing the Trinity, we have the Athanasian Creed. The most important of them all, breathing freely of the spirit that created it. (4) With the reformation of the sixteenth century came an indefinite number of creeds or codes of laws expressing various conceptions of divine things, such as the five points of Calvinism and the counter five points of Arminianism. The thirty-nine articles of the Church of England. The Westminster Confession of Faith, or the twenty-five articles of religion of the Methodist church, etc. These are considered, respectfully, as the elementary and primary facts of the Christian religion.

There are three facts clearly demonstrated to all who have compared these groups of codes of laws. (1) They are not in harmony with each other, but are conflicting at vital and important points. Compare the first three points of Calvinism where the unconditional election of a definite number chosen of God is declared; and contrast that with the teaching of Arminianism, where predestination is attributed to all who place their faith

Christ, the Son of the living God. Whatever community of believers rest upon that rock, is a church of Christ."

Dr. Corey, a leading Methodist minister, said, "I have as much right to formulate my faith after my own fashion as had the council of Nice to make a creed and force it upon me against the protest of my better informed reason, my conscience and my sense of religious freedom. I believe we can constitute a better council today on the essentials of Christian truth than was ever assembled in the world's history. . . . yet I would not let such a council bind me to any dogma that violated the instincts of my faith, the results of my honest judgment and my self-respect as a man and a son of God. I do not believe the creeds of the day—the old Calvinism—Unitarianism, Romanism, Lutheranism or Methodism, truly represents the spirit and principles of Christianity."

Prof. W. D. MacKenzie said, "That any church should add any formal conditions of communion to that of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord conforming thereto, seems to me one of the most potent causes of diseases in the church whether ancient or modern."

In 1839, A. Campbell said, "On examination of the history of all the platforms and constitutions of all the sects, it appeared evident as mathematical demonstration itself, that neither the Augsburg articles of faith and opinion, nor Westminster, nor the Wesleyan, nor those of any state creed or dissenting establishment, could ever improve the condition of things restore union to the church, peace to the world, or success to the gospel of Christ." Hence he said, "Our opposition to creeds arose from a conviction that whether the opinion in them were true or false, they were hostile to the union, peace, harmony, purity and joy of Christians; and adverse to the conversion of the world to Jesus Christ."

Prof. Briggs truly said, "The tendency of thought in the present century has been so strong and irresistible toward the person and work of Jesus Christ as to remove the scholasticism of the medieval age."

These great and good men speak in no uncertain sound. The foundation of the ecclesiastical world is being shaken, and soon to be removed. These are but the harbingers of the coming day, when party creeds shall no longer divide God's children.

This leads us to the consideration of the important question: *What is the true creed of the church?* A correct answer to this question is of paramount importance. To enable us to arrive at a correct answer we must go to the right source. And I am quite sure you will all agree with me when I say the Bible is the true source. With Chillingworth of 1610, we can say "The Bible, the Bible only, is the religion of Protestants"; or with A. Campbell, when he said, "Where the Scriptures speak, we speak; where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent." Or we can recognize the wisdom in the statement he made in 1839, "We take the Bible, the whole Bible, and, nothing but the Bible, as the foundation of all Christian union and communion."

The popular cry, "Back to the Christ," is but another expression of

church—the church of the New Testament. This is the all-embracing dominant creed that needs no revision.

This conclusion is in harmony with the early history of the church. Lumsden, in his Church of First Three Centuries, says, "Writers sometimes speak of the primitive creed; by which they do not always mean the creed of Peter, the oldest Christian creed of which we have any account. Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." This was the only article of faith originally deemed necessary to constitute a man externally a Christian. It presupposes, of course, a belief in one God the Father.

Neander (Planting and Training of the Church of Christ) "The acknowledgment of Christ as the Messiah was the original article of faith in the Apostolic Church."

Shedd, (History of Christian Doctrine), says, "The apostle Peter in his answer to the inquiry of Christ, 'But who say ye that I am?' made the first formal confession of faith under the Christian dispensation. The answer, 'Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God' was regarded by the Redeemer as the doctrinal basis of His kingdom upon earth; for upon this rock, this cordial acknowledgment of His character and redeeming work, He informed His disciples He would found His church." With such fact before us, we do not wonder the trend of religious thought is back to the original, creed and firm basis of the church, as established by the Christ, through the inspired apostles.

The creed of the church must be simple yet profound, universal and perfect. In each case the divine creed meets the requirements. The simple truth, "Thou art the Christ the Son of living God," can be grasped and understood by every one. Yet it suggests thoughts that would baffle the mind of a Newton, a Kepler, a Franklin, or a Gladstone. It is universal. Christ died for all. His kingdom is a universal one. "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11: 28) is heard ringing down the ages and to the remotest parts of the earth. It is perfect. I need not dwell upon this point. The sinless character and spotless purity of the Son of God is known to us all. It needs no comment. Thus in accepting the true creed of the church, we accept the living Christ, not dogmas. And He stands before us as the embodiment of the highest and purest in both teaching and life.

THE UTILITY OF THE DIVINE CREED IS SUCH, THAT, IT WINS FOR ITSELF THE SUPREME PLACE.

It gives us a firm unchangeable basis. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever," (Heb. 1: 3). Our conception of truth may change. A more perfect knowledge of truth may change our beliefs; but Christ, the Truth, will never change. He will stand forever. "I will give the church that unity for which Christ prayed when he said, 'That they all may be one; even as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee that they also may be in us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send me.' (John 17: 21). Unity is the great need of the Church. In her conflict with sin, her divided condition has been the cause of many defeats. To do her work she must be a united Church. Christ furnishes the only

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are not only in conflict with each other, but are conflicting at vital and important points. Compare the first three points of Calvinism where the unconditional election of a definite number chosen of God is declared, and contrast that with the teaching of Arminianism, where predestination is conditional and all can be saved, who will through Christ. (2) That at each effort to formulate a creed, the result was more complex, obscure and schismatic. A striking example of this is clearly seen in comparing the Apostles' Nicene, Athanasian creeds. (3) The essential truths of the Christian religion do not belong exclusively to any one of the many creeds; and the distinctive reason for their existence no longer exists, if it ever did. Let it be remembered, the creed-making process is an extending or separating process. A history of the divisions of the church would be in part a history of her creeds. No one can accept a human creed, or even a dogmatic statement of a divine truth, either written or unwritten without distinguishing themselves from other Christians; and if they make it the basis of a new communion, they are necessarily seceders or separatists.

Creeds are the natural product of strife and they retain much of the life and spirit that gave them birth. Later development reveals this fact; they also imply the observance of the party or sect; and they live on long after the circumstances that created them have passed away. Dr. Hillebrand, in his "History of the Christian Church," says concerning the 14th chapter of the Westminster Confession of Faith: "For years in common with many other churches, I have been apologizing for our Creed, and saying that while our Confession of Faith says that some men and angels are foreordained to everlasting death, that nobody believed it. . . . During these years I labored in season and out of season, with voice and pen, to secure a revision of the Confession that we might be clear before the world. But it seems now that some teachers in our theological seminaries hold to the doctrine of reprobation, and if I count it an integral part of our system and urge that if I cannot accept it, I must withdraw from the church." How forcibly this illustrates the truth of the above statements, and also the fact; they are not only marks of division among gods children, but they perpetuate division. The divisions beget the creeds and the creeds keep alive the divisions.

Whatever may have been the reasons that called forth these creeds, the fact remains that the religious world has now outgrown them. And as the church assumes more and more her rightful position, in both teaching and living, the more imperative will be the demand for a full restoration of the true creed of the church. The Interior of Chicago, a leading Presbyterian paper, says: "The present sectarianism is a degeneration from the faith of the reformers, as well as from the faith of the apostolic fathers. All apologies for divisions are apologies for known sin, for known disregard of the commands of Christ. The apostles heard that command and obeyed it with such fidelity that to their divisive and sectarian organizations could by no possibility be regarded as Christian. Their 'One Lord, one faith, and one baptism' meant, and meant only, the acceptance of salvation by Christ and the public confession of His name. The Christian church was built on the rock of Peter's confession 'Thou art the

Christ.' Back to the Christ, is but another expression of the same truth. The true source of the creed of the church is not in the councils of the church or churches of this or any age, nor the consensus of opinions of the membership of any church great or small. We must go back to the Reformation of the sixteenth century or the great evangelical councils of the church until we can once more sit at the feet of Christ, and His inspired apostles. We need to emphasize again the truth, 'Infallibility in religion is found alone in the teaching of Christ and His inspired apostles.' Any creed that has not the sanction of inspiration, cannot be the divine creed—the creed of the church.

The creeds of the churches of today while embodying many truths, yet originating so late in the history of the church are without the authority of inspiration. Let us turn away from these unauthorized dogmas, which have been productive of so much strife, cause of much persecution, and effective only in defeating the true aim and purpose of the church and accept the teachings of the sacred volume—the Bible—as the solution to this important question.

Turning to the Scriptures, we find the elementary and primary fact that must be believed before one can become a Christian; and which furnishes the foundation of the whole Christian system is not a doctrine, even the doctrine of Christ, but rather, Christ Himself.

Take for example, the sermon on the mount (Matt. 5-7). It is a wonderful production. It transcends the wisdom of the ages. It is ethical, moving in the sphere of life, being and character. Still it is doctrine. The oft-repeated "I say unto you," carries the mind back and centers the faith in the teacher—Christ—and not primarily in the lessons taught. They were to believe in Him as the Teacher sent from God and consequently to accept His teaching as authoritative. When He questioned His disciples respecting the way the people were receiving Him and their conception of His mission and work, the question Christ asked them was, "Who do men say the Son of Man is?" Then to His disciples He directed this inquiry, "Who say ye that I am?" (Matt. 16: 13-19). Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God." And upon this rock, their great truth, Christ said He would build His church. The apostle Paul declares, "For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid which is Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 3: 11). In 1 John 5: 1 we are told: "Whoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is begotten of God." In John's gospel 20: 31, we find that the facts written about the Christ "Are written that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye may have life in His Name."

We are then prepared to say that the elementary and primary fact to be believed, before one can be a Christian and upon which the church is built is not the Nicene or Athanasian creeds, nor the doctrines of Calvinism nor Arminianism but the simple yet comprehensive and all-important truth "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God." This is the creed of the

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Notice to Creditors.

In the Matter of the Estate of Christopher Ous, late of the Town of Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River, Miner, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to "The Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897," Chapter 120, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Christopher Ous, who died on or about the 2nd day of January, A.D. 1900, are required, on or before the 10th day of January, A.D. 1901, to send by post pre-paid or delivered to Thomas R. Ferguson, Esq., of the Town of Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River, Solicitor for Peter Johnson, administrator of the estate of the said deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

Dated this 6th day of December, A.D. 1900.
THOMAS R. FERGUSON,
Solicitor for the administrator of the estate of Christopher Ous, deceased.



HOMESTAKE POINT.

We Called it Low Grade BUT HOW'S THIS?

THOS. E. BIRBECK, the contractor who is sinking our shaft, has just visited St. Paul. He brought down some ore from great property which we have had assayed, giving the following results:

LABORATORY OF
CHARLES W. DREW, Ph. B., T. D.
Analytical and Consulting Chemist and Assayer. Prof. of Chemistry and Toxicology, Medical Department of Hamline University, Director of Minnesota Institute of Pharmacy. Formerly Chemist to State of Minnesota. Chemist to city of Minneapolis, Etc.
Office and Laboratory: Rooms 504-506, Century Building, First Avenue South and Fourth St.
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 6, 1900.

I hereby Certify that the Samples of Ores, herein described, assayed for the Homestake Gold Mining Company of Ontario, Limited, gave the following results:

No.	Gold No. of ounces per ton	Value at \$20.00 per oz.	Silver No. of ounces per ton	Value at \$1.00 per oz.	Total value per ton of Gold and Silver.
1	.4	\$ 8.20	1.0	0.80	8.80
2	.6	12.40	None	—	12.40
3	.1	8.20	8	1.80	13.00

CARL E. VAN CLEVE, Assayer.

It is absolutely impossible to comprehend the great value of this property. There is no doubt, now, but that we have some very rich ore, in fact, very much richer than we ever anticipated.

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We have a few thousand shares of the fifteen-cent issue left, which we are selling upon the following terms: Three cents per share, cash with order, and two cents per share per month until paid. Ten per cent. off if all cash is sent with the order.

Call at our office for full particulars or address
Homestake Gold Mining Co'y.
OF ONTARIO, LIMITED.

C. D. PRUDEN, President. F. J. BOWMAN, Secretary.
410-411 Manhattan Building, St. Paul, Minn.

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RAT PORTAGE, ONT., DEC. 21, 1900

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

There has been considerable municipal talk in Rat Portage during the present week. We hope this talk will ripen into activity and produce a council which will in every way represent the life and activity of this town. Apparently 45 years there has been a state of indifference regarding the personnel of the council. More by good luck than good management we had a fairly good council this year. We hope that the spirit which emanated a few leading people last January will be impregnated into the vast majority of the ratepayers during the present contest and that a council will be chosen which will succeed in improving upon the work of past councils.

The law of the survival of the fittest applies to corporations as well as to individuals. Enterprising men are looking for opportunities for the investment of capital; restless individuals, some good, some not wise, seek congenial quarters; men in the evening of their life, who have served their day and generation and are able to bid farewell to toil, seek a place to reside. All these classes are asking questions of different municipalities as to what they can offer. To these men we must have replies ready, and to our very fittest town should we entrust the protection of our case.

No matter how favorable our situation, how fascinating our possibilities, we will not prosper unless we have proper management. The same is true in every department of life, and doubly so in municipal affairs. There are certain routine duties which can be performed by anyone who can read and write and who has access to the minute book of former years; just the same as any one can open the door, put up the blind and wait for trade. But more than this is wanted,

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("THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATERS")

is chiefly due to its irreproachable character."

The Times.

"DRINK NOTHING but Natural Mineral Water, such as Apollinaris, free from all vegetable poisons."

Boston Journal.

would scarcely have done unless satisfied that the operation of the system could be, at least, as well done by the council as themselves.

To our mind, however, there is another reason why the by-law should carry; that is, that now the precedent of paying a salary to commissioners is established it will be almost impossible to have commissioners without paying them; and as the statutes clearly prohibit members of a council receiving any pay for their services, we think the water-works system will be put upon a business-like basis by them in the appointing of some competent person to assume the full control, subject only to such regulations as the council may adopt, being thus in the position of the manager in a joint stock company, the shareholders electing a certain number from among themselves as directors and they, in turn, appointing a manager to conduct the business, with full power within certain prescribed limits to do what he considers necessary for its success.

We believe that if the by-law were carried and the council follow out a policy such as this the result would prove not only satisfactory to the ratepayers, but also demonstrate that municipal ownership of public franchises can be a success. Following is a copy of the letter from the commissioners:

Rat Portage, Nov. 21, 1900.

The Mayor and Council, Town of Rat Portage:

Gentlemen, We your water-commissioners, take the liberty of making the following suggestions for your consideration:

That in view of the completion of the water-works system as planned by the commissioners, we are of the opinion that there no longer exists a necessity for a commission to carry on the operation of the system.

Your commissioners are of the opinion that for the future the control and direction of the system should be well managed by a committee of the council chosen by them for that purpose.

It would be a very creditable act on the part of the ratepayers to give Mr. Cameron the mayor's chair without a contest. He will bring to the position the ability required at the present juncture in municipal matters. His position as manager of the Rat Portage Lumber Company has given him an acquaintanceship with business in large affairs; he is constantly being brought in contact with the outer world, and his services will be of great value to the town. If he should have the assistance of a body of good men in the council it will not be long till the town is relieved of the burden of a large amount of unsold debentures.

BORN.

Richer.—On December 19, 1900, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Richer, Rat Portage, a daughter.

The children of St. Alban's had their Xmas entertainment Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week.

Notice Of Dissolution.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership, heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, as Malcolm & Shute in the Town of Rat Portage, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to said partnership are to be paid to St. Clair Malcolm at Rat Portage aforesaid, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said St. Clair Malcolm by whom the same will be settled.

Dated this 1 day of December A. D. 1900.

ST. CLAIR MALCOLM,
JAMES SHUTE.

W. L. L. A. M. L. S. S.

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The following are a few of the handsome Goods we are showing most acceptable as Xmas Presents for your gentlemen friends.

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Fancy Braces In nice boxes, 75 cents and \$1.

Silk Handkerchiefs White and Light Colors, 50 cents, 75 cents and 90 cents.

Gloves and Mitts Best Silk and Fur-lined Mocha Large assortment, 75c to \$2.50.

We are offering the remainder of our Fur Coats, Caps, collars and cuffs at a Reduction of 20 cts.

Fancy Corduroy Vests at \$2 and \$3.50, reduced from \$2.75 and \$4.00.

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Block.

WANTED A PRETTY NAME.

Rat Portage is on the Hunt—No Reward Offered Yet.

A proposition has been brought forward to change the name of Rat Portage to something more indicative of our material wealth or beauty of situation. What the outcome of the agitation will be we cannot say, but we presume the people will use their prerogative and make the decision.

As a rule towns and cities have received their names by accident, but the accident so far as Rat Portage is concerned seems to have been rather unfortunate. The name is not an ideal one, and poets would hardly go into raptures over it. Still it has its advantages in that it is in a sense striking and not to be confounded with any other place.

The ladies and some very nice people call it a "horrid name," but we often find very beautiful ladies and well-bred men with "horrid names" and yet they are very averse to changing them, exception being made in the case of the ladies in a certain period of their life.

A correspondent in another column suggests the name Sylvania. It is rather pretty, but we think that when the citizen gets really worked up to the creation of pretty names we will have such a collection that we have to employ an expert to decide upon the prettiest, and of course that is what we want.

We would suggest, however, that the proposition be laid aside till June or July, and that on some beautiful moonlight night we employ the Citizens' Band to play its sweetest and everybody get out in the streets, and

under the spell of the music, the moonlight and the rippling water to make a departure in the selection of a name.

At the present season of the year, with the thermometer huddling up and down the selection might be chilly and the poor unfortunate name develop perhaps and wind up in an early grave.

The New Century.

The citizens of this city are well known for their public-spiritedness and their interest in the bettering of their city and town. Canada and the United States are proud to be so thoroughly celebrated the citizens should make an effort to make a name that is an occasion. We would like to suggest what the citizens of this city should take on the name of our country, but it is a plan which would be accomplished. The Citizens' Band

Odd Ideas of Providence.

The temperance lecturer, John B. Gough, had occasion in one of his addresses to refer to the indiscriminate and arbitrary yet consoling doctrine of Providence. He said: "Some people have strange ideas on this matter. Once when a ship was in danger a lady went to the captain in great distress. 'We must trust in Providence, madam,' said he. 'Goodness gracious, is it as bad as that?' she cried.

"A washerwoman had her little shanty burned down. She stood before the wreck and, lifting her eyes to heaven and shaking her fist, exclaimed, 'You see if I don't work on Sundays to pay for that!'

"In the fifth of Forth a vessel struck on a rock, and a tug was drawing nigh to the rescue. A boy, much alarmed, was clinging to his mother. She said, 'You must put yer trust in Providence, Janie.' 'I will, mother, as soon as I get into that other boat!'

"In New York a Dutchman with a companion went into Delmonico's to get lunch. They were charged \$6. One of the men began to swear, as he thought the charges excessive. 'Don't you swear,' said the other, 'Providence has punished that man Delmonico very bad already.' 'How is that?' 'How has he punished him?' 'Why, I've got my pockets full of his forks and spoons.'

Etiquette in 1624.

Here is a curious extract from the court regulations of the Hofburg for the year 1624 on the etiquette to be observed by officers when invited to the royal table. The regulation begins by stating that officers usually behave under such circumstances "with great politeness and good breeding, like true and worthy cavaliers," but that the emperor thinks it necessary to issue the following directions for the use of inexperienced cadets:

"1. Officers should come to the palace handsomely dressed and not enter the room in a half drunken state.

"2. When they are at table, they should not rock about on their chairs nor sit back and stretch out their legs.

"3. They should not drink after each mouthful, as by so doing they will very soon get drunk, nor drink more than half a glass at a time, and before drinking they should wipe their lips and mustaches.

"4. They should not put their hands on the dishes nor throw bones under the table.

"5. They should not kick their feet, nor drink so hotly as to fall out of their chairs."

Tie For Tat.

A celebrated but very vain and conceited French painter in Paris had a dog that was taken ill, and he had the audacity to send for one of the leading physicians in the capital, on the assumption that a veterinary surgeon was not good enough for the valuable dog of so great a personage as himself.

The physician, who had been honored

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Fair Lady—Fortune! I didn't know you had money.

Ardent Suitor—I haven't much, but it takes very little to cover those tiny feet.

He got her.—London Telegraph.

The average man will pay 50 cents to see a show of fireworks and neglect to look at the sunset, which he can see almost every night for nothing.—Louisville Journal.

A UNIQUE STATE.

Texas Has Paid Allegiance to the Flag of Six Nations.

Scarcely another state in the union has as remarkable and interesting a history as Texas. In one respect at least it is upon a unique position in the story of American states. Since its discovery by the present governments of the United States, it has changed its allegiance as many different flags have waved over it, those of France, Spain, Mexico, independent Texas, the United States and the Confederate States.

The foundation of Texas statehood was not laid as a British colony, nor under the grant or control of the British crown, as were those of the original thirteen states. The first settlement dates back more than 200 years, and its first American colonists came there under terms and conditions imposed by a foreign state, to share language, laws and institutions they were total strangers. There never was a day when they could be any sympathy between

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Clay's First Speech

Henry Clay is a man of great ability, and his speech at the recent meeting of the Little League was a masterpiece of oratory. He was much more in the city than he

The Brand Means Something.



"I look on the Brand of the Slater Shoe Rubber as a sort of protection. You never know what you are getting in a piece of common rubber till you wear the

"But a Company with a reputation like the 'Slater' people have would hardly risk it by putting

their Brand on a poor rubber.

"That's one reason why I like the 'Slater Shoe Rubber.'

"And another thing:—You are always sure of a fit, which is hard to get in the common sorts of rubbers."

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SATURDAY, Dec. 8.

Fire at the Nino.

At week the destroyed the di-
at the Nino mine, together with
amount of clothing and a sp
The fire caught from the st
all be about \$800.

A Suggestion.

The Portage, Dec. 14, 1891.
Editor of The Miner:
The proposition to change the
of the town from its pres-
and repellent name of Rat P
which is certainly unattractive
a stranger is now before the people
a generally fair I suppose. Since
of a name are now in order, and
the name "Goldystown," signifi-
"golden town," I have submitted as a
suggestion the name of "Cave-nation." Or
the word Goldystown, struck off and
the name be made "Cave-nation" which
is soft and pleasant in sound and not
be long.

Yours Truly

Chronic Bronchitis.

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Piles

Dr. Chase's Ointment

The physician who had been honored
with the summons was at first pertu-
at the impudence of the notion,
but soon recovered his equanimity and
turned the following message to the
right of the lens:

Would M. M. be good enough to
step over to my house, as I have a
couple of new window shutters that
want painting?

Mount Marcy.

Mount Marcy, the highest peak
of the Adirondacks, is very uneasy,
with volcanic tendency. This mountain
is one of the curiosities of the Adirondack
region, and it is said to be the
last mountain in the world to have re-
ceived the cooling breezes after the
glacial period, and to this fact is attrib-
uted the continual salubrity of the air
and general healthfulness of the Adirondack mountains.

His Guarantee.

"Tiger watch! That blamed watch is
upset again! What an awful har-
dship Jeweler is!"
"What's the matter?"
"I left the thing for him to fix. He
said he'd fix it and said it would work
again now."
"Oh, he doesn't mean a watch
again!"

...all sizes abound in the Su-
perior... Monster lizards are
...six and seven feet.
...is about 12 inches
...a noise like the bark
of a dog.

The children of Notre Dame Church
...to be named to-day at a music
...ance.

It Hurt To Eat.

The pain, nausea and dis-
tress that Dyspeptics suffer
after every meal can all be
permanently removed by Bur-
dock's Blood Bitters.

It tones up and restores the
stomach to normal condition so
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causing discomfort.

His proof positive:
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writes: "I have been a
sufferer from Liver complaint and Dys-
pepsia for the past two years and felt
very miserable. I could not take much
food as it hurt me to eat. My friends
said, 'Why don't you take Burdock's
Blood Bitters?' I did so, using two bottles,
and now I feel as if I had a
complete cure that I never had any-
thing like without. I suggest the discom-
fort."

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first American colonists went there
under terms and conditions imposed
by a foreign state, to whose language,
laws and institutions they were total
strangers. There never was, there
never could be, any sympathy between
these first American colonists and the
Mexican government under the old
... Separated by vast wilder-
ness from the people of the United
States, and unaided save by the in-
dividual efforts of sympathizing brethren
therein, these colonists declared
their independence, established it with
the sword, and for nine years main-
tained a stable republic.

Texas was neither purchased nor
conquered for the union. Annexation to
the United States was accomplished
through a treaty made by Texas rep-
resentatives and ratified by the free
suffrage of the citizens. No other
state in the Union has had such varied
experience or sailed through such
stormy seas into the haven of peace
and prosperity.

The Professor's Prophecy Fulfilled.

While a student at Harvard univer-
sity Phillips Brooks was walking in
the yard one day with a professor, who
asked him what he intended making
of himself.

"I am thinking of the ministry," an-
swered the youth.

"Then banish such thoughts," said
the professor earnestly. "Your man-
ner of speech would forever bar you
from being successful in that calling."

Many years later, when Phillips
Brooks was one of the world's great
pulpit orators, the most expert steno-
grapher in England took down one of
his sermons and said:

"Any stenographer who thinks he
has conquered fast talkers should try
Phillips Brooks."—Ladies' Home Jour-
nal.

He Was Fresh.

"Have you any nice fresh eggs to
lay?" asked the woman with business
like eyes.

"Meditate," answered the man, who
has just started in the grocery busi-
ness, "permit me to remind you that
nice eggs are necessarily fresh and
fresh eggs are always nice. Moreover,
I have any, I have them today! My
possession of eggs yesterday or to-mor-
row does not in the slightest degree
affect the situation. Therefore, time
being precious to a business man, I
will simply content myself with reply-
ing that I have nice eggs."

Oregon.

In the date of admission Oregon is
one of the oldest states beyond the
Mississippi, entering the Union in 1859.
It was the first new state to have the
political honor of naming the vice
presidential candidate (Joseph Lane)
for one of the great parties in the first
year of its statehood.

Ignorance Everywhere.

Ignorance is everywhere. In Boston
there are persons who don't know a
symphony from a sonata and in Chi-
cago persons who don't know a prime
ox from a canner.

TORONTO.

Clay's First Speech.

Henry Clay as a young man was ex-
tremely bashful, although he possessed
uncommon brightness of intellect and
fascinating address, without effort
making the little he knew pass for
much more. In the early part of his
career he settled in Lexington, Va.,
where he found the society most con-
genial, though the clients seemed some-
what recalcitrant to the young lawyer.
He joined a debating society at length,
but for several meetings he remained a
silent listener.

One evening, after a lengthy debate,
the subject was being put to a vote,
when Clay was heard to observe softly
to a friend that the matter in question
was by no means exhausted. He was
at once asked to speak and after some
hesitation rose to his feet. Finding
himself thus unexpectedly confronted
by an audience, he was covered with
confusion and began, as he had fre-
quently done in imaginary appeals to
the court, "Gentlemen of the jury."

A titter that ran through the au-
dience only served to heighten his em-
barassment, and the obnoxious phrase
fell from his lips again. Then he gath-
ered himself together and launched in-
to a peroration so brilliantly lucid and
impassioned that it carried the house
by storm and laid the cornerstone to
his future greatness, his first case com-
ing to him as a result of this speech,
which some consider the finest he ever
made.—Collier's Weekly.

An Obstinate Maid.

Mr. Sappiegh—I wouldn't marry that
Miss Gabby. She is terribly set in her
ways.

Mr. Softleigh—Is that so?

Mr. Sappiegh—Yes, indeed. Why,
she has refused me nine times.—Balti-
more American.

In the Clutch Of Consumption.



Don't neglect that persistent hacking
cough till you find yourself in the clutch of
Consumption. It's an easy matter to stop
it now by taking

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This pleasant remedy heals and soothes
the lungs and bronchial tubes, and cures
crouping and chronic coughs when other
remedies fail.

Mr. W. F. Cann, writing from Margate,
Ont., says: "I have not before I would
have died of consumption only for Dr.
Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. I have used
it for years and consider it has no equal
for severe colds and throat troubles."

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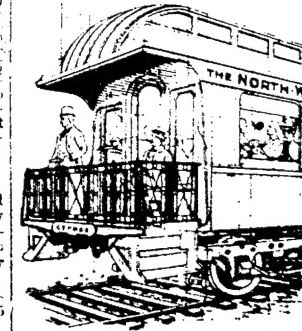
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stand up in this church, take off the clothes you have not paid for, just wait in-out with the things on your back you have paid for a pretty looking lot of scarerows you'd be."

There was a pause until the real significance of the suggestion had percolated through the members of his congregation, then some one chuckled. Every one was picturing to himself and herself the royal scene that would occur should the bishop's idea be carried into effect, while wife looked at husband and members of each family nudged one another. The ludicrous side was irresistible and the laugh was general.

"I once attended church at Whitley, a little village on the borders of Lancashire and Yorkshire, in England. The church, which had been a part of the old abbey, was built in the year 1000, and is today one of the most interesting scenes of olden times in Great Britain. The rector was a Mr. Whitlock, very old, very stout and very deaf. He had occupied the living for 30 years, and while he generally appeared in church and took some part in the services, he was able to afford the luxury of a curate and was always glad to secure the services of a friend to preach. On one occasion a gentleman I knew very well was to officiate. It was his custom to limit his sermon to 20 minutes, preaching ex tempore, and always took out his watch and his pocket handkerchief, placing them beside him before commencing. This he did as usual, and, finding a very convenient little round receptacle, stuffed the handkerchief into it, laid the watch on top and fired away.

"The congregation was surprised to see the old rector, who was sitting at the bottom desk of the 'three decker' erection, which I suppose still stands right in the center and half way down the aisle—not in the chancel, as in the modern churches—become very uneasy. His seat, like squirmed around and looked up, that every one knew quite well that he could not hear a word of the sermon. Finally he looked on to see that the good old vergen, who was at a long wand, and who pointed him. The vergen ascended the pulpit, and in turn interrupted the sermon by a whispered conversation with the preacher, who was seen to suddenly grasp his pocket handkerchief and watch, smile and nod, and then proceeded with his sermon. He had filled the receiver of the old rector's ear trumpet, which connected with a tube to the lower desk, and the rector had been unable to tell whether his sermon was going on or not."

Hope For Him.
"Have you ever tried to reduce your flesh?"
"Yes, I'll bet I've spent \$500 for anti-fat medicine; but it's no good. I've tried everything and I just keep getting fatter. I'll give it up now and go on and weigh a ton if I have to."

"Oh, don't get discouraged. Come over and try our banding house for a month or so."

Usually, when you pass two women you can hear one ask, "Did you make it without a pattern?"—Atchison Globe.

secondary school of Alton, Ontario, is brought before the court. It is charged with the neglect of several other boys on a country road. It was proved that the school presented a pistol at them and compelled them to carry all their pocket for his benefit.

"Dear me," said the surprised magistrate to the juvenile culprit, "what could have prompted you to do such a thing?"

"Loading 'Robbery Under Arms,'" replied the embarrassed boy hushanger.

What They Said:

"Did the girls say anything when they heard of my engagement?" she asked with a little curiosity.

"Very little," was the reply of her dearest friend.

"But they said something?"

"Oh, yes, they said something."

"Well, what was it?"

"Well, most of them merely exclaimed 'Alas!'"

Then came a pause, and then she asked:

"Well, what did some of the others say?"

"One of them said: 'Who'd have thought it? Another, 'Will wonders never cease?' And a third—"

"Oh, never mind the rest," interrupted the husband; "I never did have much curiosity."

Not Bull Run.

In an excursion given by Secretary to play to the members of the National Academy of Science down the river, and Green of their party told the best story of the day. It was a story which had happened to be some years ago, and it was a story which national fame had made famous. The author of the story was a man of letters, and he had written a book on the subject. The story was a story of a man who had been a member of the National Academy of Science, and he had written a book on the subject. The story was a story of a man who had been a member of the National Academy of Science, and he had written a book on the subject.

spoke up an American. "It's not Bull Run."

Why, Indeed?

Response from the coast. "It's not Bull Run."

Customer: "It's not Bull Run."

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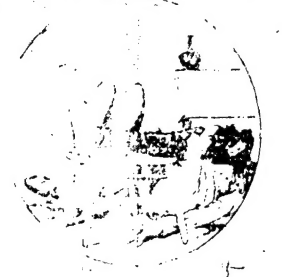
To Retrench.

"Home is the dearest place on earth," said Wilkins to Wilkins.

"Yes," replied Wilkins, "that's why I'm not home-keeping and went to work."

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The price paid for a cradle is hush baby.



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Local Interest

The regular meeting of St. Andrew's Guild was held in the basement of Knox church last Monday. After business was transacted all were charmed by an excellently rendered solo from Mrs. Ferguson. All interesting debates then followed on the subject: "Resolved, That it is more profitable to read than to travel." The debate was opened by the leader of the affirmative, Miss Midgley. Mr. Griffith led the negative side. The debate was decided in favor of the negative. After the debate refreshments were served.

Jacob Rose has just received a fine lot of children's Sleighs. Very cheap, to amuse them.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smith arrived in town this week. They leave for Winnipeg in the morning, and are they will spend Christmas, Mr. Smith then proceeds to Toronto, having been appointed manager of the Government Diamond Drill.

When buying Christmas presents for the little ones, don't forget to see our Slights. Jacob Rose.

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Our stock of Skates is complete.

will resume operations about the 1st of January.

E. G. Hall left for the east Sunday evening.

A. E. Cline, the Fort Frances agent of the Rainy River Nav. Co. is in town.

Dan Hyland of Port Hyland is in town. He says that things are humming at that place. The new round-house, coal sheds, water tank and telegraph office have been completed by the railway people. The town also boasts of two general stores, a hotel and a number of other buildings.

T. Larkin is now doing business opposite the Imperial bank. He will have three chairs running next week so there will be no waiting. He will be in his place of business from early in the morning till 10 o'clock at night. He promises to the people of Rat Portage a better shop to equal any in Canada by March 1. His prices are 10c and 15c and never will be any higher as long as he is in the business here. A stock of tobaccos will be put in next week and a bathroom later on. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. T. LARKIN.

Wm. Murdoch of Saw Bill arrived in town yesterday.

The Sandusky Fish Co's. crew from the mouth of the river arrived in town yesterday in charge of their veteran foreman Mr. Toomey. They left for their home in Sandusky, Ohio, last night.

Frank Bryant of Pine Lake is in from his camp this week.

The many friends of Mr. Dowsett will be pleased to learn that he is improving.

At Horswill's, Fine Navel Oranges, Xmas Apples, Cutwater Grapes 50 cents per basket.

Jas. A. Bow, who has been managing the Anglo-Canadian Gold Estates exploration work in Seine River, is in town.

Mr. Patterson, of the Anglo-Canadian Gold Estates, is in town to spend the Christmas holidays with his family.

Edgar Brown, formerly of Rat Portage, but now of Duluth, is in town renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Brown looks as though the world had dealt kindly with him since his sojourn with Uncle Sam.

Has more of that choice Butter at 20 cents; At Horswill's.

Geo. McGregor left for his home, Lacute, Que., to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Wellman of Winnipeg is visiting Mrs. J. E. Rice.

R. L. Pinkerton left for Winnipeg where he has secured a position.

Anthony Broderick left for his home in Midland, Ont., he returns in the spring.

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found a A. A. best.
A brigadier general or major general is entitled to the keep of three horses at Uncle Sam's expense; a colonel, lieutenant colonel, major or captain to two only.

The forage allowance is often commuted by turning over the same to the quartermaster, and this practice once betrayed a suspicious new member of the house into a cautious blunder. He announced that he had discovered that "officers of the army are selling the forage allowed to them, and one such case I am prepared to cite from the records of the war department, a case in which the oats and hay were transferred, doubtless for a consideration, to a person named Q. M. Corral."

There was an exchange of looks and winks among his astonished hearers, and then an old member kindly rose and said, "I presume, Mr. Speaker, that the memorandum referred to by my distinguished friend refers to a transfer of forage, in the ordinary course of business, to the quartermaster's corral."

The Has Beens.
They met again in after years by chance at the door of a circus tent, the judge and the middle aged woman who had been Maud Muller.

"Great Scott," muttered the Judge to himself as he noted her sallow faded hair, stubby fingers with the marks of the washboard upon them and the group of slatternly children she was angrily trying to induce the ticket taker to pass in free, "what a lucky escape I had!"

"Merciful gracious," she mused in vainly looking at his bald head, watery eyes, double chin and protuberant stomach, "and I once wanted to marry that man!"

They passed in, with their respective noses perceptibly elevated and were listening a few minutes later to the time honored jokes of the clown.

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Whatever may be his lack of moral perception and originality of idea, the heathen Chinese certainly excels in imitative power, and is often very much alive to the excellence of mechanical devices that he never saw before. In The American Machinist Oberlin Smith affords an illustration of this fact.

Some years ago Mr. Smith sent Henry A. Janvier to China to assist in the erection and operation of coining plants for brass and silver currency. One of the tools which Mr. Janvier took with him was a micrometer caliper, made by a well known firm in the United States, and capable of detecting differences of a thousandth of an inch in the thickness of a piece of metal. The superintendent of one of the shops which Mr. Janvier established was named Wal, and he proved a very intelligent fellow. During an interval of about six weeks he borrowed the caliper almost daily, and was rather tardy in returning it.

Finally he exhibited to the American a reproduction of the instrument which was perfect except in one respect. Certain tables of figures stamped into the steel by the Yankee maker of the original were omitted from the copy, and in their place were several Chinese characters. The imitation had been made with the rudest of tools, but was a marvel of accuracy. Mr. Wal proposed an exchange to Mr. Janvier, and the latter agreed to the proposition.

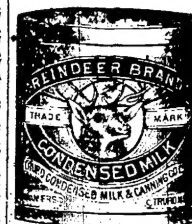
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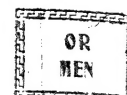
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Our Skates are the genuine Star Manufacturing Co. goods. Jacob Hise.

Get your Skates sharpened at Jacob Hise if you want them well done.

The names of Messrs J. A. McCrossan and A. Carmichael have been mentioned as candidates for water Commissioners. If these gentlemen would give the same careful attention to the water works department as they have to the Electric Light Company we have no doubt they would be a success and the town would be the gainer.

J. H. Triggs, of the Triggs mine returned last evening from an extended trip to St. Paul and Duluth. He says that he had a very pleasant and favorable trip.

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J. F. Sissons, barrister of Fort Frances was in town for a few days on business this week.

The Acton Free Press points out that a new section of the Criminal Law that will come into force on January 1st will be of painful interest to constables, and others engaged in the enforcement of the law. It renders any one through legal neglect or any carelessness, allows a prisoner or malefactor to escape, liable to one year's imprisonment.

The Dominion Express Co. is now accepting goods for shipment to Rainy River, Port Frances, Boucherville and other points on the Lake of the Woods. All shipments should be accompanied by invoice and consigned care of Stage Line at Baudette. Trains leave Winnipeg Monday and Thursday mornings at 8:20 o'clock and connect with the stage leaving Baudette Tuesday and Friday mornings.

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White Fish, Gold Eyes, Minn. Haddies, Tommy Cods, and Smelts at Partingtons.

A Merry Xmas to all from Partingtons.

Miss Somerville wishes to thank many kind friends who have so thoughtfully sent fruit and vegetables to the hospital during the fall and winter.

Rev. Wm. and Mrs. Halstead, of Portage La Prairie, stayed over a day in Rat Portage on their way home from years sojourn in Europe.

Miss Fisher, accompanied by Delemere, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boyce, has gone to Toronto for a lengthy holiday.

Miss Yeoman stenographer in Langford and Moran's office is among those going east for holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. Gunne entertained a number of friends at a christening party Tuesday evening.

Mrs. May Hamilton of Winnipeg Artist, spent a few days in town with her class and was the guest of Mrs. D. C. Cameron.

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Breaking the News.

Jackson—See here, Jimson, that confounded dog of yours kept up a continual howl under my window till 3 o'clock this morning!

Jimson (shrilly)—It wasn't my dog, sir!

Jackson—I'm glad to hear that, old man, because I hated to ask you to bury the body. To whom did you sell him?

Evidence of Genius.

"My wife," said Mr. Snickers, "is a truly remarkable woman."

"We all know that," we said. "But do you wish to specify?"

"Yes, sir. She wrote and sold a story the other day, and she spent only once the money she expected to receive for it."

"Of all the fool things," said the farmer wearily, "the advice to make hay while the sun shines is the worst. Why, when the sun shines it'll make hay itself."—Chicago Post.

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